The stop codon will be retained only in the carboxy-terminal C3d domains, and the *Eag*I site allows for subsequent cloning into the baculovirus vector pBacPak8.

Please delete the paragraph on page 39, lines 1-9, and replace it with the following paragraph:

pBP66-08 was derived from pBP66-06 (see example 5), which is a baculovirus transfer vector containing a single copy of C3d-cys. A unique KpnI restriction site was engineered into the vector between the signal peptide and the C3d coding sequence to allow insertion of additional copies of the C3d sequence in which the additional copies of C3d differ from the original C3d sequence, and from each other by approximately 10% or more, but encode a polypeptide which is identical between residues Thr_1 and Pro_{295}, but may encode a linker or spacer sequence, such as the polypeptide sequence Ser-Ser-Gly-Ser-Gly-Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Ser (SEQ ID NO: 48), such as the fuzzy C3d monomer genes obtained using methods described in example 3.

Please delete the paragraph on page 39, lines 24-34, and replace it with the following paragraph:

pBP67-08 contains an additional copy of C3d with variant sequence inserted at the KpnI site of pBP66-08. pBP66-08 contains two additional copies of C3d with variant sequence inserted at the KpnI site of pBP66-08. The sequence of the additional copies of C3d differ from the original C3d sequence, and from each other by approximately 10% or more, but encode a polypeptide which is identical between residues Thr1 and Pro 295, but may encode a linker or spacer sequence, such as the polypeptide sequence Ser-Ser-Gly-Ser-Gly-Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Gly-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Ser (SEQ ID NO: 48). C3d monomers obtained using the methods described in example 3 are engineered to be inserted at the KpnI site by PCR amplification with the following primer pair: CGAGCCATATGGGTACCACCCCAGC (SEQ ID NO: 43) and GGTTAGCAGGTACCGGAACC (SEQ ID NO: 44) followed by digestion of the PCR product with the restriction enzyme KpnI.

Please delete the paragraph on page 42, lines 22-25, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Example 8 A trifunctional linker reagent for coupling C3dcys and (C3d)n-cys to antigens

N-Acetyl-Lys(N-ε-PDP)-Ala-Lys(N-ε-PDP)-Ala–Lys(N-ε-PDP)-OH (SEQ ID NO: 49)
(PDP=3=(2-pyridyldithio)propionyl, all-L)